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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

10/803,579

Applicant(s)

YOON, GUANWOO

Examiner

Quang T. Van

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed on 8/01/2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6,9-14,16 and 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6,9-14,16 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

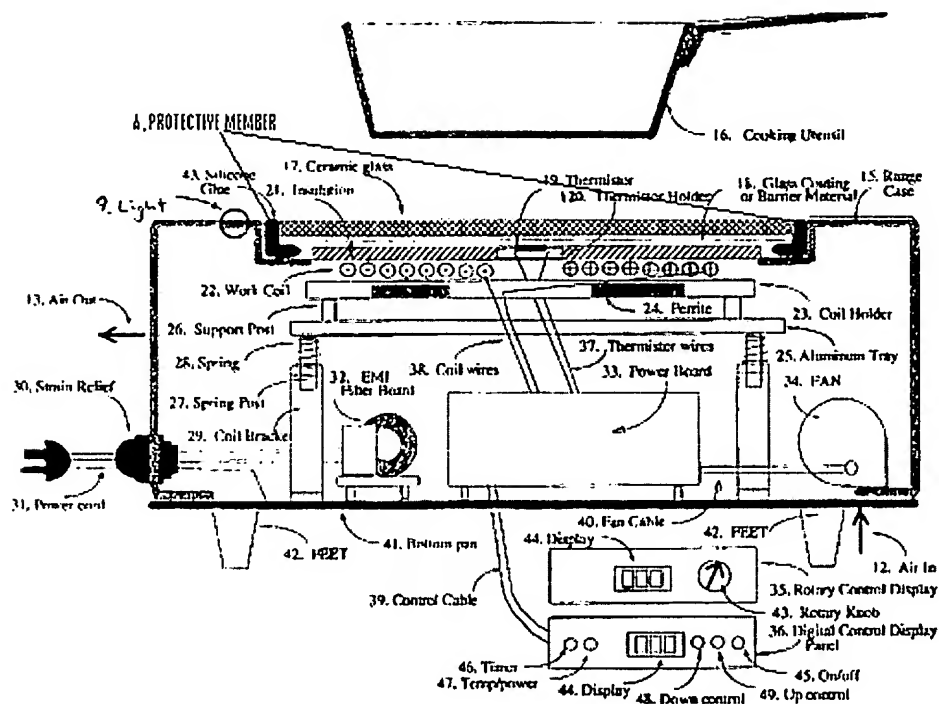
2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupoi (US 4,192,666) in view of Barnett (US 3,270,736). Lupoi discloses a microwave oven with a decorative pattern applying on glass ceramic element (col. 1, lines 25-32). However, Lupoi does not disclose the decorative ceramic is attached to an exterior surface of the oven. Barnett discloses a decorative ceramic (15) is attached to an exterior surface of the oven (col. 2, lines 3-5). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in Lupoi a decorative ceramic is attached to an exterior surface of the oven as taught by Barnett in order to matches a décor of a kitchen and make the appliance easy to clean, and improve the electrical and thermal insulation of the microwave oven. With regard to plurality of variable sized and shaped decorative elements. Lupoi discloses a plurality of decorative elements (col. 1, lines 24). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to cut to plurality of variable sized and shaped in order to affix onto different areas of said exterior surface of said microwave oven.

3. Claims 3-4, 6, 10-14, 16, 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupoi (US 4,192,666) in view of Barnett (US 3,270,736) and further in

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view of Glover et al (US 6,180,196). Lupoi/Barnett disclose substantially all features of the claimed invention except said bonding means is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape. Glover discloses a bonding means (41,42) is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape (col. 4, lines 12-13). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in Lupoi/Barnett a bonding means is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape as taught by Glover in order to bond the mounting object to mounting place.

4. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lupoi (US 4,192,666) in view of Barnett (US 3,270,736) and further in view of Bassill et al (US 6,630,650). Lupoi/Barnett disclose substantially all features of the claimed invention except a pair of protective members, which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element. Bassill discloses a pair of protective members (A, figure below), which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element (17). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in Lupoi/Barnett a pair of protective members which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element as taught by Bassill in order to protect the decorative element.



### Response to Amendment

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-4, 6, 9-14, 16, 18-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang T. Van whose telephone number is 571-272-4789. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00Am 7:00Pm M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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